



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: **Manabu NAKAMURA et al.**

Group Art Unit: **2891**

Application Number: **10/659,748**

Examiner: **Bradley Smith**

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For: **METHOD OF MANUFACTURING SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE
HAVING GATE OR TUNNEL INSULATION FILM**

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Customer Number: **38834**

RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116
EXPEDITED PROCESSING REQUESTED

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 18, 2005, the response date of which having been extended by one month to March 18, 2006, Applicants submit the following remarks, which begin on page 2 of this paper.